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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, May 1, 1995)

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, on this National Day of Prayer, we join with millions across our land in intercession and supplication to You, the Sovereign Lord of the United States of America. As we sound that sacred word Sovereign, we echo Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Lincoln along with other leaders through the years, in declaring that You are our ultimate ruler. We make a new commitment to be one Nation under You, God, and we place our trust in You.

You have promised that if Your people will humble themselves, seek Your face and pray, You will answer and heal our land. Lord, as believers in You, we are Your people. You have called us to be salt in any bland neglect of our spiritual heritage and light in the darkness of what contradicts Your vision for our Nation. Give us courage to be accountable to You and Your Commandments. We repent for the pride, selfishness, and prejudice that often contradict Your justice and righteousness in our society.

Lord of new beginnings, our Nation needs a great spiritual awakening. May this day of prayer be the beginning of that awakening with each of us in this Senate. We urgently ask that our hon-

esty about the needs of our Nation and our humble confession of our spiritual hunger for You may sweep across this Nation. Hear the prayers of Your people and continue to bless America. In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, this morning the leader time has been reserved and there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 11:30, with Senators permitted to speak up to 5 minutes each; at 11:30 today, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 956, the product liability bill.

Under the provisions of the agreement reached last night, there will be a series of four consecutive rollcall votes beginning at 12:15 today. The fourth vote in the series will be on invoking cloture on the Gorton substitute amendment; therefore, Senators should be aware that second-degree amendments to the Gorton substitute must be filed 1 hour prior to that vote; further rollcall votes can be expected throughout today's session of the Senate.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CAMPBELL). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a transaction of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes each; under the previous order, the Senator from Wyoming, [Mr. THOMAS], is recognized to speak for up to 30 minutes.

The Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

FRESHMAN AGENDA

Mr. THOMAS. Members will be relieved to know that there will be others joining me during this 30 minutes, other Members from our freshman group, to continue our discussion about the agenda for the Senate, the agenda for the Republicans, and of course the agenda for this country.

We feel very strongly, of course, that this is a great opportunity to move forward on the issues that were the issues talked about and voted on by Americans in the 1994 November election.

This is the greatest opportunity that we have had for a number of years to evaluate programs that have been in place, rather than continuing to simply put more money into programs when the results have not been what we expected. Now is an opportunity to take a look at the programs and see, in fact, if there can be changes made, to see if in fact, there are programs that do not need to be continued, that could better

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